

RHEEMARKS

October 8, 2017

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Can you believe we are beginning the second week of October? This week is full of exciting events here at Rheem. On Friday, the 13th we have the Fall Family Picnic and the 43rd Annual Butterfly Parade. Good times for everyone to enjoy.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, October 9th:

- No School for students
- Staff Development Day at JM

Tuesday, October 10th:

- School Board Meeting in the JM Library (meeting begins at 7:00)

Wednesday, October 11th:

- Life at Sea onsite field trip (5th grade only)
- Picnic Day – all students will enjoy their lunches outside with their grade levels during their scheduled lunch

Thursday, October 12th:

- Regularly scheduled day

Friday, October 13th:

- Picnic Day – all students will enjoy their lunches outside with their grade levels during their scheduled lunch
- 43rd Annual Butterfly Parade begins at 1:00 with kinder classroom visits to follow.
- Rheem Fall Carnival from 4:30 – 7:00 on campus.

Fall Carnival and Cake Walk

Come join in the fun this Friday, October 13th from 4:30 – 7:00 for Rheem's Fall Carnival & Cake Walk. There will be food, games, prizes, a rock climbing wall and more. Bring the whole family and show your Rheem Spirit! For more information please click the following links; [FallCarnival](#) [Cake Walk](#).

School News and Highlights:

MEF's Day of Giving was this past Wednesday and some of Rheem's finest were able to generate extra enthusiasm with music and cheering on the bus loop. A hearty thank you to all the students who played instruments, and waived posters to passing cars. If you didn't get a chance to donate yet, it's not too late; just click [here](#)

Last Week's FUN(d): The Fun(d) Run was a huge success. I can't remember the last time I saw so many kids smiling while they ran. Thank you to Kim Thompson and all of our volunteers who spent the morning hydrating our runners, cheering them on and keeping track of how far they ran. Our PTA and all its volunteers never cease to amaze me in the way they support our children and school, kudos to a job well done!

Hydration Stations: If you have not been on campus in the past week you have yet to see the two new hydration stations donated by the PTA. Both stations are state of the art and energy efficient, with cold water flowing in each and every pour. A special thanks to Kim Habas for her tireless work to ensure the stations were delivered and installed in a timely manner. Thank you, PTA, for your continual support in providing for a healthier, and greener Rheem School.

Rheem Site Council STILL Wants YOU!

Parent Members Still Needed to Complete 2017-2018 Committee

The purpose of Rheem School's Site Council (SSC) is to develop, support, and monitor our school goals. In recent years, the council's work has focused on supporting the district's Strategic Plan by developing and monitoring actions steps to implement the Common Core standards and the Readers' and Writers' Workshop program. Last year, specific goals were established in Mathematics and Language Arts based on CAASPP data. Traditionally, our council also develops a "School Climate" goal to promote and maintain a positive learning environment for all students.

According to Site Council by-laws, the council must consist of equal representation from the faculty and the parent community. **We picked up one**

volunteer last week and are down to TWO open positions for parent representation on the council. The SSC meets approximately six times throughout the school year, after school on Tuesdays. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17th, beginning at 3:15 in Room 19.** If interested in this worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please contact Principal Brian Sullivan (376-4441) for more information, or simply come to the meeting to find out what it's all about!

The Last Word:

There is nothing more rewarding than raising a child. And likely, nothing more challenging. From the moment they enter our lives we give them unconditional love and support. We all want the best for our children and watching them celebrate their accomplishments is a beautiful thing, but helping them cope with and overcome their challenges is far more important.

In recent weeks, we have seen some of the worst man and nature has to offer. From the horrific hurricanes and earthquakes to this past week's sickening attack on concert goers, the task of helping our children understand and thrive in the world we live can be overwhelming. Should you choose to address these recent events with your children, [here](#) is a resource you may find helpful. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmest Regards,

Mr. Sullivan